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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Michael E. Tasker

Confirmation No.: 5271

Serial No.: 09/583,695

Examiner: Shick C. Horn

Filed: May 31, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2666

For: PRIVATE BRANCH EXCHANGE (PBX) CONDITIONING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

Date: April 7, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed December 8, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-21. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

## 1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of

☒ other than a small entity  
☐ small entity. Verified statement ☐ attached ☐ already filed on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(e) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

☐ small entity \$250  
☒ other than a small entity \$500

Notice of Appeal fee due \$ 500

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### 3. EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: The time periods set forth in 37 CFR 1.191 are subject to the provision of #1.136 for patent applications 37 CFR 1.191(d). But see 37 CFR 1.645 for extension of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extension of time in reexamination proceedings).

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension Fee:

	<u>Months</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$225.00	\$ 450.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$510.00	\$ 1020.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$795.00	\$1,590.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request      \$ 120

or

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

### 4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fee due is :

Notice of Appeal fee	\$ 500
Extension fee (if any)	\$ 120
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>

5. FEE PAYMENT

- ☒ Attached is a PTO-2038 in the sum of \$620.
- ☒ Any deficiency or overpayment for extensions of time or claims should be charged or credited to deposit account number 13-1703.

Respectfully submitted,

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